

SENATE BILL 3274

By McNally

AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 131 (Emory Road) in
Knox County in honor of the late Allan Gill.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Allan Gill of the Powell community in Knox County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gill expressed his devout faith as a deacon and greeter at First Baptist Church of Powell; and

WHEREAS, he proudly and courageously served his country as a Sergeant in the 592nd AAF Base Unit during World War II; and

WHEREAS, in his professional life, Mr. Gill served with distinction as the General Manager of Hallsdale Powell Utility District from 1954-1999; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who understood that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, he was a valuable member of several civic and professional associations; he was a Charter Member and Past President of Powell Lions Club; Member and Past President of Halls Business and Professional Club; Charter Member of Powell Business and Professional Association; Honorary Life Member and Past Chairman of Tennessee Water and Wastewater Association (TWWA); Past Chairman and Lifetime Member of American Water Works Association (AWWA); a member of the Kentucky-Tennessee Water Environment Federation, National Rural Water Association, Tennessee Water Quality Management Association, Utilities Management Federation, Inc., and the Home Builders Association of Greater Knoxville; and Founding Member and Past Treasurer of the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gill's excellence as a professional and great humanity as a citizen had been recognized by his receipt of numerous honors and accolades, including the 1970 M.L. Brickey Award, TWWA; 1985 Powell Business Man of the Year; 1988 Hall of Fame for Water and Wastewater Professionals, Tennessee Water Quality Management Association; 1988 George Warren Fuller Award, American Water Works Association; 1992 Chairman's Award of Appreciation for Service to TWWA; 1992 Man of the Year Award, Halls Business and Professional Club; 1992 Powell Lions Club Merit Award, Health-Welfare Committee Chairman; 1992 Powell Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellowship Award; June 1992 Water Environment Federation, Quarter Century Operator's Club; 2007 Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, 50-Year Service Award; and July 2007 Golden Drop Award, Tennessee-Kentucky Section of AWWA; and

WHEREAS, Allan Gill was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity who worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for Knox County as a whole, and especially the Powell community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to provide for a lasting tribute to an astute, generous, and honorable Tennessean who lived a bountiful life of purpose and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 131 (Emory Road) in Knox County from its intersection with Interstate 75 westward to such route's intersection with U.S. Highway 25W (Clinton Highway) is hereby designated as the "Allan Gill Memorial Highway".

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 131 described in Section 1 as the "Allan Gill Memorial Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not

render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. The appellation "Alan Gill Memorial Highway" provided for in this act is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality or other governmental entity affected by this act.

SECTION 6. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highway described in this act as the "Alan Gill Memorial Highway".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.